

31 August 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Leslie C. Dirks  
Deputy Director for Science and Technology

FROM: [REDACTED]  
Deputy Director of Public Affairs

SUBJECT: Aviation Week Allegation Regarding Stories and  
Public Affairs Responses [REDACTED]

1. We have carefully checked our records and can find no evidence, as alleged by Aviation Week reporter Clarence Robinson, that:

A. The Babcock/O'Toole story on [REDACTED] manual to the Soviets in the Washington Post of 23 August was based on information provided by the Public Affairs Office, or

B. That someone in Public Affairs openly referred to [REDACTED] in a phone conversation with Robinson.

2. Regarding the Babcock/O'Toole story, Babcock called the Public Affairs Office on 21 August to ask for biographic information on William Kampiles. [REDACTED] who takes such queries from the press, responded that we could be of no help beyond confirming that Kampiles had been an employee. I am attaching the contact report of that call. O'Toole did not call this office and no other calls were received from Babcock. While this does not rule out that someone outside this office talked to one of the two reporters, it seems highly unlikely since passing such information would constitute a serious "leak" and is strictly prohibited by regulation.

3. Regarding Robinson's allegation that a Public Affairs Officer had mentioned [REDACTED] to him on the phone, Robinson has called this office only once in the past year. On 6 October 1977, he asked [REDACTED] formerly Deputy Director of Public Affairs, if the President had asked the DCI for his views on downgrading the classification of overhead photography data. Our record of that call,

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which is also attached, indicates [ ] responded that we could not help. [ ] denies that he has ever mentioned [ ] on an open phone to anyone.

4. To give you a feel for the kinds of questions we have received from Aviation Week, I am listing below calls received since January 1978:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Response</u>
17 Jan	Gene Kozicharow	Soviet Defense spending report	Sent copy
23 Jan	Gene Kozicharow	Re DCI being oust by White House	Declined to comment.
30 Jan	Craig Covault	Which agency is trying to retrieve debris from Soviet satellite in Canada?	Dept. of Energy
8 Feb	Gene Kozicharow	Copy of Organization and Management in the Soviet Economy.	Sent copy
29 Mar	Gene Kozicharow	Re AP report on Soviet nuclear power programs: was report based on CIA report? Wanted wall charts on China and Soviet.	CIA did not release study on subject; provided wall charts.

13 Apr Mr Harlanour



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Acting Secretary of  
Defense Charles Duncan, 31 August 1978

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Director

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